



## News Sheet – December 2009

### Diary Dates for January

6 <sup>th</sup> January	Term 2 begins
7 <sup>th</sup> January	Key Stage 2 Pantomime – ‘Cinderella’, Waterfront Hall, Belfast
8 <sup>th</sup> January	Swimming begins, P4, P5 and P7
13 <sup>th</sup> January	Pupil Council Meeting
20 <sup>th</sup> January	Deadline for Nursery and P1 Applications
21 <sup>st</sup> January	Gaelic Tournament – St Peter’s, Lurgan

### Schools Community Relations Programme (SCRIP)

Bocombra Primary School is our new link school for SCRIP this year. This is a cross-community programme which brings together our pupils from P6 and P7 with P6 and P7 pupils from our link school. The P6 Programme which started on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2009, involves 3 days, hosted by the Speedwell Trust. During these three sessions which are held in school, pupils will look at ‘Our Identity’, ‘Equality and Racism’ and ‘Stereotyping, Prejudice and Discrimination’.

### Opticians Visit Nursery

Nursery pupils had a visit from Mackey’s Opticians in Portadown on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2009. Staff from the Opticians talked to pupils about eye care and gave them vouchers for a free visit to see Santa Claus if they booked an eye test.

### Pupils Enjoy Christmas Show

P1 – P7 pupils were treated to ‘The Wizard William’ – a show by West Midland Theatre on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2009. This show marked the beginning of our Christmas Programme and was enjoyed by all. Thank you to all parents who made a donation towards the cost of this show.

### Nursery 1 Parent/Teacher Meetings

A big thank you to all those parents who attended Meetings with Miss Smith. These meetings are a vital part of our partnership with parents.

### P7 Victorian Christmas

Primary 7 participated in a Victorian Christmas Workshop recently at Armagh County Museum. The children and teachers dressed in Victorian costume and thoroughly enjoyed learning about Victorian life.

### Road Safety Certificates for P3

Primary 3 pupils were presented with Certificates by Mrs Vivienne Nicholl, DOE Road Safety Officer, on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2009. These Certificates were in recognition of the recent Road Safety Project that Primary 3 have been involved in which culminated in a Road Safety Walk.

### Fire and Rescue Service Visit P5

On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2009, 3 Members of the Fire and Rescue Service visited P5. The class were given a talk on Fire Safety in the Home.

### **'Santa's Little Helpers'**

Parents and pupils from our Nursery attended a very enjoyable 'Santa's Little Helpers' Workshop in the Hart Memorial Primary School on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2009. This Workshop which was part of our Extended Schools' Cluster Programme gave pupils and their parents a chance to prepare some early Christmas Craft.

### **SEN and Inclusion Consultation**

The Department of Education has asked all schools to inform their parents that the policy proposals, as contained in the consultation document entitled: 'Every School A Good School: The Way Forward for Special Educational Needs (SEN) and Inclusion', have been undergoing a period of public consultation since 10<sup>th</sup> August 2009 and that the period of consultation has been extended to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2010. The consultation document and response can be viewed at [www.deni.gov.uk](http://www.deni.gov.uk) under Consultations. The consultation documents can also be obtained by contacting the Special Education and Inclusion Team on 028 91279762.

### **Presentation to Mrs Larkin**

Mrs Donna Larkin retired as a Cleaner at the end of August this year. Mrs Larkin who has been cleaning in the school for many years, attended Assembly on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2009. A presentation was made to Mrs Larkin on behalf of the school by Cara Matchett and Conor S Larkin, Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Pupil Council, in recognition of her many years' service to Ballyoran Primary School. We wish her a long and happy retirement from this post.

### **Jo Jingles Visit Nursery and LSC**

Nursery and LSC pupils were treated to an extravaganza of creative music and dance on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2009 by Jo Jingles. Once again their visit was enjoyed by everyone who took part. They will visit the Nursery and LSC on two more occasions next year.

### **'Scrooge'**

Foundation and Key Stage 1 pupils went on a Christmas Outing to the Pantomime 'Scrooge' in the Market Place Theatre, Armagh on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2009. The show was excellent and enjoyed by all those who attended.

### **Busy Christmas for Choir and Recorder Group**

Our Choir and Recorder Group had one of their busiest Christmas Programmes ever, this year. As well as performing at our Christmas Celebration on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2009, they had engagements at Tesco in the Meadows Shopping Centre on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2009 and Lisniskey Care Home and Rushmere Shopping Centre on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2009. Once again our Choir and Instrumentalists excelled themselves and were great ambassadors for the school. Well done and thank you to all the pupils who were involved. Special thanks also to Mrs McCreesh-West and Mrs Breen for all their time and effort spent preparing the pupils. Thank you also to parents, family and friends who supported the pupils at these events.

### **Christmas Celebration**

Our Christmas Celebration was a great success. Thank you and well done to all the pupils who took part, the staff for all their preparation and all the parents, family and friends who supported the event.

### **Office Refurbishment**

Our current office accommodation is due to be refurbished in the new year as apart of the SELB's Minor Works Programme. The current Secretary's Office and Principal's Office are being made into one large General Office for Mrs Tedford. Mr Woolsey will move to a new Principal's Office which is currently the Reprographics Room. During the works which will take place during term time, we will try to keep disruption to a minimum. However, to facilitate the

work, it will be necessary to temporarily move the Offices. We will give you more information on this when it becomes available.

### **Breakfast Club**

The Breakfast Club reopens on the first day of the new term, Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2010 at 8.15am.

### **Healthy Breaks**

Fruit and vegetable consumption at break-time continues to have a positive impact and reinforces the concept of healthy living to all children. Thank you to all parents for your continued support in this initiative.

### **P2/P3 Kids' Clubs**

Kids' Club resumes for Term 2 on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2010 for P2 and on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2010 for P3.

### **Parents' Questionnaire**

Thank you to all those parents and guardians who returned their Questionnaires. Your views and opinions are vital for future planning as we continue to take the school forward in partnership with parents.

### **End of Term Arrangements**

A reminder that School finishes at midday on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2009. There will be **no dinners** in school and pupils need not wear uniform.

**School re-opens on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2010.**

### **Inspection**

We have been informed that we are having a 3-day 'Focused Inspection' beginning on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2010. As part of this process a sample of parents are asked to complete a Questionnaire. These will be going out today and we would encourage you to complete them and return in the white envelope either to the Inspection Services Branch, Department of Education, Rathgael House, Balloo Road, Bangor, BT19 7PR or drop into the box in the school foyer by **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2010.**

### **Menu for January**

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### **Thanks and Happy Christmas**

A big thank you to all my Staff for all their hard work during this very busy term.

Thank you also to parents for your continued support and co-operation and to the pupils for making this such an enjoyable term.

A Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year to the entire School Community.

R Woolsey  
Principal

### Menu for January

	04.01.10	11.01.10	18.01.10	25.01.10
Mon		Spaghetti Bolognese, Crusty Bread, Tossed Salad or Stuffed Bacon Rolls, Mixed Vegetables, Creamed Potato, Gravy	Shepherds Pie or Chicken and Vegetable Pasta Bake, Baton Carrots, Creamed Potato, Gravy, Crusty Bread	Oven Baked Sausages or Lasagne and Tossed Salad, Cabbage, Mixed Vegetables, Creamed Potato, Gravy
		Semolina and Two Fruits	Rice and Mandarin Oranges	Ice Cream, Fruit and Wafer
Tues		Oven Baked Sausages, Peas, Broccoli, Creamed Potato, Gravy or Vegetable Pasta Bake and Tossed Salad, Crusty Bread	Beef Chilli and Boiled Rice or Chicken Goujons, Beans, Sweetcorn, Chips, Baked Potato, Tossed Salad	Homemade Ham and Cheese Pizza or Tuna Wraps, Spaghetti, Sweetcorn, Chips or Baked Potato, Tossed Salad, Coleslaw
		Lemon Sponge and Custard	Strawberry Cake and Custard	Rice and Peaches
Wed	Pizza, Tuna Wraps, Chips, Baked Potatoes, Beans, Sweetcorn, Salad	Pork Casserole with Carrot and Onions, Creamed Potato, Crusty Bread or Chicken Wraps, Tossed Salad, Coleslaw	Irish Stew with Carrot and Onions or Salmon Fillet, Garden Peas, Creamed Potato, Wheaten Bread	Beef Casserole with Carrot and Onions, Broccoli, Mashed Potato or Pork Curry and Boiled Rice, Crusty Bread
	Sponge Cake and Custard	Jelly and Fruit Salad	Semolina and Two Fruits	Chocolate Cake and Custard
Thurs	Chicken Pie, Creamed Potato, Baton Carrots, Gravy	Roast Turkey, Carrots and Parsnips, Mashed Potato, Gravy	Roast Pork and Apple Sauce, Peas, Creamed Potato, Gravy	Chicken Pie with Crumble Top, Carrots and Parsnips, Creamed Potato, Gravy
	Ice Cream and Chocolate Sauce	Wholemeal Apple Crumble and Custard	Jelly, Fruit and Cornflour Sauce	Fruit Crumble and Custard
Fri	Homemade Vegetable or Cream of Chicken Soup, Hot Dog, Sauce or Onions, Filled Rolls, Chicken, Salad, Tuna	Fresh Crumbed Fish, Beans, Beetroot, Tossed Salad, Coleslaw, Creamed Potato, Beef Curry and Boiled Rice, Crusty Bread	Homemade Vegetable or Cream of Chicken Soup, Hot Dog, Sauce or Onions, Filled Rolls, Chicken, Salad, Tuna	Crumbed Fish or Cheese and Ham Omelette, Beans, Beetroot, Coleslaw, Tossed Salad, Creamed Potato
	Wholemeal Biscuit or Fresh Fruit	Ice Cream and Chocolate Sauce	Choco Orange Cookie or Fresh Fruit	Jelly and Cornflour Sauce

Milk, Fruit and Yogurt available daily

Menu subject to deliveries